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Andrew M. PERRY

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action, dated July 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This is a continuation-in-part application from co-pending U.S. Design Patent Application Serial No. 29/151,699, filed on November 6, 2001, now U.S. Design Patent No. D465,404 S, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims with the following rewritten claims:

(Amended) A combination comprising:

a woodwind musical instrument comprising a shaft; and

a device for supporting the woodwind musical instrument on a neck of a user,

wherein the device comprises:

a strap for looping around the neck; and

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The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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